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Community Center

Community Center seems to be the topic in Chatham at the present time. Many seem to be in favor of our providing it if the town s financial condition wil; allow. An appropiation has been voted for plans to be submitted in accordance with the aforesaid con ditions. Managed in the proper way it would be a great help to the people of the town. It is proving successful in other towns. A. Friend

WORK ON JETTEY ALREADY BEGUN----

The Hundred thousand dollar P.W.A. project for a Jetty in Harwichport is already under construction. The base has been laid for the wall to be built upon.

NAVAL PROGRAM BEING PLANED

Negotiations are in progress to procure the Chatham Theatre during the next month to hold a 2½ hour Naval program(motion picture) for the Naval Reserve. The money gained would be used to buy a telegraph'telephone transmitter.

XMAS PARTY GREAT SUCCESS,MANY ATTEND-----

The Annual Christmas Tree Party which is held every year with the cooperation of the organizations of the town by the Chatham Band was held on the night of Dec.23rd. The Band played different Carols followed by community singing, which the audience sang with much spirit. The tree was covered with lights of all the colors of the rainbow. Santa Claus arrived in an auto borrowed from Bearses. He distributed candy and oranges much to the delight of everyone. The affair was a success.

FIRE

Our editors were just coming into Chatham and had just sung "Hail Hail the Gangs all Here" when one of the staff excalmed "Whats That" He pointed to a house a little ways ahead.

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The Lima Peace Parley

A little while ago the eighth Peacpe parley began at Lima. Representatives from 21 American Republics were there. Sec. of State Hull and Alfred

POSTOFFICE RECEIPTS INCREASE 8% OVER 37

On Dec. 30th Postmaster Karr announced that the total receipts of 1938 were $16,224 an increase of 8% over 1937. The increase is $1,214. There is a 19% increase this year over 1930.

GIRLS H.S. TEAM WIN-H.S. BOYS LOSE------

Basketball Fans held court at the Chatham Manor on the night of Dec. 30th. First on the floor were the girls teams. Alumnae vs H.S. Although the Alumnae put up a brave fight and were ahead at the half the H. S. were victorious 26 to 23. In the 2nd game the H.S. boys led during the first half and the begining of the 2nd but were defeated

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Landon and others were from the U.S. Hull's main points were to arrange trade treaties and a tready against European Aggression

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NAVAL RESERVE NEWS

The Chatham Unit of U.S. Naval Communication Reserve has been meeting regularly this fall and winter.

Planned programs are held every Tues night between 8pm and 10pm. comprising radio theory Telegraphy signal ling ,Military and Naval instruction. This is supplemented by radio drill on the air ed. nights in conjecunction with other units in this part of the state.

Five men have re requested and received two weeks training duty with pay,three at the Boston Navy yard and two aboard the U.S.S. Tillman cruising as far as Bridgeport,Conn.

Progress of the unit has greatly increased by the services of Francis Bearse. Mr. Bearse handles the Radio Theory and code.

Benjamin Hollins of the Chatham Police Dep't. is acting as Military Instructor.

Indications still look favorable for this unit bein; ch chosen to represent Southeastern Mass. in the U.S. Naval Reserve Military competition at the Boston Navy Yard in May With the proceeds of the October Naval Reserve Ball the unit purchased a portable electric power plant.

Available during furture Energencies to aid any distressed section of the Cape will be two squads of Naval reserves uniformed and armed,two combination searchlight signalling lamps with a range of several miles, electrical power and a combete radio communication system to work on and off the Cape ,on either Telegraphy and Telephony. Also availableon such an occasion will be the Unit Comm. car equipped with two-way radio. This car will be able to maintain a mobile patrol and communicate two-way with 17 fixed and mobile stations of the Cape-wide police radio system,as well as a portable headquarters station.

S.Freedman

THE WORLD'S FAIR

On Apr. 30,1939 the World's Fair will open.People from all over the U.S. and other countries will visit it-I have investigated the grounds. The buildings on the outside look very beautiful. They have already a car exhibit ,and are going to have a Tel. exhibit during the fair and many otherinteresting things including an amusement park. The World Fair is going to last until Oct.1939. New York invites everyone to attend.

F.B.Gilbert

FAREWELL 1938

L.B.Gilbert

As 1938 leaves us we look back on a eventful year. The town meeting ,though not to compare with some past ones,showed that the citizens of Chatham are continuing the liberal and constructive policy. Several articles which would not benefit the town,but individuals were voted down.

Earlier in the year there was the excitement about the sidewalksleading to the W.P.A. project on Cedar Street. Just before the town meeting, elections were held in which Edwin Eldredge was elected Selectman. National Air-Mail week was a success in Chatham, when Air-Mail was flown from Chatham to Hyannis. Posters were distributed and letters were stamped with a specialstamp. During the winter the different organizations Con't. P.6

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WE STILL NEED IT----------

In the Thanksgiving issue of the CHATHAM CHATTER we published an article called "We Need It--" about the community center project. "We Still Need It---". Because at the present time there are not ample facilities for meetings and recreational activities in Chatham. The proposed plan would have ample space for clubs to meet in. This at the present time is a need because of Red Man's Hall being sold. If the Town of Chatham feels that it is beyond its means to finance a community center could an investigation be made about buying and renovating the Chatham Manor. Certainly something should be done about the community center project whether erecting a new building or renovating the Chatham Manor. We feel sure that the action at the special town meeting a few weeks ago of creating a committee with an appropreation was a wise move, We have thae upmost confidence in them to get us a plan suited to Chatham. WE STILL NEED IT

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WHAT ABOUT IT--------

Last spring a survey was held by a state agent in connection with a request by a group of women concerning a plan for a VOCATIONAL High School, which would serve the entire Central Cape.. Since the survey the state agent has not been back. Should we wait for him or should a reguest be made to the state Department of Education for already several boys and girls from the vicinity have gone to New Bedford for Vocational Training. There is talk about this School being located in Brewster a centeral position on the Cape to which students could come from the surrounding towns. This plan certainly deserves more consideration.

HERE'S TO CHATHAM LIGHT------

The Chatham Light has been writen up in many ways about its History but at present the light serves many purposes. It is the Empire State and Washington Monument of Chatham. The most important service however is its light which has saved many a ship. The light keepers have a weather vane which flies storm flags etc. Its twin which gave them the name TWIN LIGHTS is now Nauset Beach. One of its predecessors fell over the cliff which was being cut away until the Civil Works Administration (CWA) put in a rock barrier at the bottom of the cliff. Chatham Light continues saving many lives every year.

In past issues we have praised the Chatham Band for its music and fine concerts but their annual Christmas tree party certainly is one which deserves credit.

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Frank B. Gilbert
Dec. 28, 1938

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[illegible] COLUMN *-- Ellen Fuller

Spaulding Dunbar, the builder of Catabouts and Corsairs, has an heir a boy named Bartlet Spaulding. Spaulding is making six new Catabouts. He is not making any Monomoy Interclubs this year.

The Commodore of the C.H.Y.C. has moved his residence from Highland Street Brockton to Pleasant Street Newton, Mass.

Mrs. Arthur Wheelwright is still completing her summer vaction in Chatham. The Bernard Stevens and daughter, Nancy, are planning to visit her. Mrs. Wheelwright is Nancy's aunt.

SPORTS

Roller skating has been resumed at the Chatham Manor. It will be held Saturday evenings instead of Thursday.

Ice skating has come with the cold weather. Although some of the deeper ponds were not frozen over the pond at the Golf Links was the scene of much skating Wed. Thur. and Friday.

In the bowling alleys Rogers team is ahead with a score of 189. It's nearest competetor, Moco, 158. Highest so fer is T. Wickerson with a score of 131.

The First National team, although beaten by Provincetown a few weeks ago, has a good chance of being victorious the remainder of the season.

On Friday, Dec, the Chatham High School Basket Ball team will challenge the Harwich Basket Ball team at Harwich, with Benjamin Wixsett coaching for Chatham as usual.

MEMORY DEPT. D.B.Hilbert, ED.

We Celebrate our Bill of Rights

The press of the nation is now joining in a united celebration of the anniversary of the American Bill of Rights, which is included in the first ten amendments to the United States Constitution.

Through all these intervening years we have accepted these fundamental rights as axioms without question and without surprise.

We hardly recalled that the founders of our republic almost defeated the adoption of the Constitution because it failed to assure the inalienable rights for which the blood of our revolution had been spilled. Only when an agreement has been reached for the gaurantee of these rights by immediate amendments to the Constitution was the opposition withdrawn and the Constitution adopted.

Could it be dreaming too much to hope, as we celebrate this anniversary that a ray of sunshine might let at least a ray of sunshine into the dark clouds of distress in europe.

In light of recent events, we appreciate all the more, the courage and the foresight of those who established these ideals securely for us. May we be worthy of and true to the ideals of civil liberty, freedom of speech, and freedom of religion.

T.F.F.PTP

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Believe it or not Turkey and the little republic of San Marino are still at war because of Turkey's failure to mention her in her peace treaty-

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Kaiser and Czar come out of the same word which is Ceasar.

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Basketball Games
by the Finast 2nd teamafter their machine started to click in the last half 21 to 15. The last game was the fastest of the night and a battle to the end with plenty of thrills for the audience when Braintree defeated the Finast 1st team 39 to 35.

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Jo's Boys-By Louisa M. Alcott This is the continuation of Little Men. It tells what happens to all of them when they grow up. Nan has become a Doctor and Tom, Because he likes her, has also becom e a Doctor. Nat goes over to Germany to study music. I think that all those who liked Little Men will enjoy this book. A.B. Gilbert

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held meetings and parties and as usual several Benifits were held for the H. S. Senios trip. In June the Town Meeting which finally acc epted the Kate A. Gould Memorial Park. The night of the fourth of July. the first Band Concert was held with a new leader Carl Anderson. The customary fireworks took place also. The Lyceum of the Congregational Churcg started and attracted a heavy crowd A new Yacht Club made its appearance Later in the Summer the Police-Fire House Plan was discussed. The plan was forgotton for a moment when the Hurricane swept upon Chatham. Although the town did not receive the brunt of the storm many boats were blown from their anchorages and waterfront property was damaged. Friday night September 23rd was the scene of the meeting. After a very hot depate (hottest since zoneing) the plan was voted down. At the end of October the Naval Reserve celabrated Navy Day with a dance.. Another plan was brought forward this time for a Community center. A special town meeting appropriated money and appointed a committee to investigate the plan (see editorial page) These are the HIGH SPOTS of 1938 in Chatham with the exceptic n of the election when Edwin Eldredge was elected Representative in the 2nd Barnstable District For the last few days of 1838 see this Chatter.

The Terrible Political Situation In Wisconsin. WALTER B. RAUSHEN* BUSH***

The political situation in Wisconsin has many people appear to think taken a turn to th e better. I am convinced that that these same many people are wrong. You see on November 8th Julius P. Heil defeated Governor Phil La Follete for the Governor ship. Is that an improvement. I think NOT. Heil promised that he would save $15,000,000 from state expenditures. While stat expenditures only total up to $7000,000 $$$ (catch the joke)

So now you see why I disagree with the people who made Heil the next Governor. W.B.R.

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